



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 231**

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House Bill No. 6541

*House of Representatives, March 25, 2009*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER I CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) On or after July 1, 2009, no  
2 person shall be granted Firefighter I certification unless such person  
3 has been certified as satisfactorily completing courses in adult, child  
4 and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in automated external  
5 defibrillator use.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

**Explanation**

Many fire departments currently require that firefighters maintain CPR and AED certification, for which the American Red Cross currently offers classes at a cost of \$70 per participant. To the extent that municipal fire departments employ firefighters that do not already have such certification, there is a potential minimal cost associated with obtaining it.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6541*****AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER I CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

Beginning July 1, 2009, this bill requires a person to be certified as having satisfactorily completed courses in adult, child, and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use in order to get a Firefighter I certificate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**BACKGROUND*****Firefighter I***

Under current regulations, "Firefighter I" means a "firefighter who, at the first level of progression in the fire department, has demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary to function safely and effectively as an integral member of a firefighting team in accordance with objectives specified for that level and, when engaged in hazardous activities, works under direct supervision" (Conn . Agencies Regs. § 7-323l-78).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/10/2009)